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Final for board Budget close to last year

by Andrew Milne

The Haliburton County Board of Education drafted what will probably be its final budget ever last week.

Expenditures come to around \$17,260,000 — just over last year's \$17,207,697.

The more controversial cuts of last year's budget — cuts to educational assistants, to maintenance and to supply budgets, and a policy requiring students on side roads to walk up to 2 km to bus stops — will remain in place.

Though the board is also cutting money out of a number of internal sources — including social contract dividends and a workers' compensation board overpayment — to keep the local rate increase down, ratepayers will nonetheless face a 1.7 per cent average rate hike — due to another \$272,000 cut to the provincial grant, and revenue lost to a \$149,000 assessment appeal.

Board sources maintain they are cutting as tightly as they can, but say they've run out of fat in the budgets.

Chair Cheryl Murdoch says also that the board made every attempt to avoid a local increase — and believed it could do so even with the cut from the province — but the additional \$149,000 revenue lost due to the tax settlement in Dysart et al, coming just before the final budget meeting — caught them with few options left.

The 1.7 per cent increase would represent \$17 on top of the average \$1000 education tax bill.

Cuts to the initial 1997 draft budget were primarily in playground equipment and plant operation — maintenance that won't be done, including basketball screens in Cardiff, gym lighting in Haliburton, fencing in Dorset and Wilberforce.

Support staff in schools across the county walked off the job for ten minutes Monday

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Health Minister makes announcement

More funding for long-term care services



As Victoria/Haliburton MPP Chris Hodgson looks on, Ontario Health Minister Jim Wilson announces a series of initiatives to expand in-home long-term care services for various agencies throughout the the district.

There was good news for area long-term care service providers this past week.

Provincial Minister of Health Jim Wilson visited the riding on Thursday to announce that \$916,506 would be spent on community-based long term care services.

Accompanied by Victoria/Haliburton MPP Chris Hodgson, the announcement was made at a press conference, held in Fenelon Falls.

The funds have been allocated to various agencies throughout the four counties (Haliburton, Victoria, Peterborough and Northumberland) served by the District Health Council. Many of the initiatives were based on recommendations put forward by the Council's long-term care committee.

Among the announcements were:

- \$150,000 for the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Board to provide supportive housing services.
- \$206,500 for the Victoria Long-Term Care Access Centre to provide in-home respite care services.
- \$131,703 for Community Care Victoria County for on-site supportive housing services.
- \$67,000 for the Peterborough, Victoria and Haliburton branch of the Victorian Order of Nurses to provide an adult day program and for the recruitment of volunteers to assist with services to the frail elderly.

The announcement also included a number of other projects which have already received funding. Included among these are:

- \$22,925 for SIRCH to expand its volunteer hospice services.
- \$11,800 for Community Care Victoria County for respite care needs.
- \$8,305 for the Haliburton County Home Support Services to expand the Meals on Wheels and friendly visiting program.

Wilson told the gathering of providers and service clients that the funding announcements were part of the province's program to redirect funding from institutions to individuals. "Buildings don't heal people," he told the gathering, "people heal people." The Minister said the redistribution of funds was made possible by savings realized through the rationalization of services in other sectors, including the money realized in the closure of hospitals in various communities across the province.

The Minister repeated the government's promise not to reduce the amount spent on health care in the province. He told the gathering that Ontario still spends more per person on health care than any other jurisdiction in North America.

MPP, and fellow cabinet minister, Chris Hodgson welcomed the announcements. He had praise for the work of the groups receiving the funding and said he knew the expanded services supported by the new funding would be put to good use by the organizations.

Builders a key part of Canadian economy

by Jerry Grozelle

Bob McLaughlin, president of the Canadian Home Builders' Association (CHBA) was a guest at the Haliburton County Home Builders' Association meeting at Birch Point Lodge April 15.

McLaughlin brought the message that the home building and renovation industry is very important to the economy of Canada. He noted that the industry is currently underachieving and that government-imposed costs are partly to blame.

Among the interesting facts he pointed out about CHBA members were:

- * over the last six years, the industry has accounted, on average, for expenditures of \$37-billion annually. This is equal to five per cent of the gross domestic product.
- * builders generate direct, on-site employment for over 110,000 people annually
- * total employment generated by residential construction (including renovations) was almost 700,000 jobs in 1995 - which happened to be the worst year of housing since the Second World

war

* in addition, exports of housing products and services to other countries generate more than 150,000 jobs

* Canada's housing stock is worth almost \$800-billion

The housing industry is, and will remain, a powerhouse in the Canadian economy. In proclaiming New Homes Month, the minister responsible for Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation, the Honourable Diane Marleau, reinforced this point.

She said: "As an important asset, housing gives Canadians a stake in the economy and an opportunity to invest in their future. Such investments generate significant employment opportunities. No other single industry in Canada has such a large impact on our economy."

McLaughlin agreed with the minister's statement.

"This industry is not in decline. The combination of healthy new housing markets, a growing renovations sector and stronger export markets will result in levels of overall housing activity which will equal, if not exceed, the levels achieved during the

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JDH teams emerge with title

County schools compete in brainstorming session

There was some serious brainstorming going on this week at Archie Stouffer Elementary School.

The school was the location of the first Think Bowl Competition which brought teams of students from three schools in the county together. The youngsters represented Archie Stouffer, J. D. Hodgson Elementary School in Haliburton and Wilberforce Elementary School. The Minden and Haliburton teams each sent junior and intermediate teams with just a junior team from Wilberforce.

The groups were asked to consider the recent emergence of the internet. It was noted that while the internet is generally seen to be of benefit in communicating, there are also problems associated with the communications system. Among the potential problems they identified were: children obtaining access to material inappropriate for their age; becoming 'addicted' to the internet; having access to dangerous information such as how to construct a bomb; threat to personal or credit card security; electronic stalking; and the potential for the spread of computer viruses. They then focused on one of the problems and developed a series of possible solutions. At the end of the brainstorming, the teams presented their responses to the problems with a short dramatic presentation.

The junior and intermediate teams from J.D. Hodgson Elementary School were declared the winners. Certificates of participation were presented to each of the students by the superintendent of education, Dale Robinson.



Members of the Archie Stouffer Elementary School junior team pondered their options as they competed in the 'Think Bowl' this past week. The team included, from the left, Nick Wallace, Josh Wales, Sterling Crowe and Alex Pawson.

Members of the winning junior team from JDHES included Chris Postill, Adam Trueman, Gillian Ottley and Tammy Johnston. The winning intermediate team included Tracy Tibbitts, Vanessa Smith, Stacey Schell and Martin Milligan.

Other teams involved in the competition included: from Archie Stouffer Elementary School, junior -- Alex Pawson, Josh Wales, Sterling Crowe and Nick Wallace; intermediate -- Beckey Wallace, Sean Carrell, Raymond Shim and Margaret Bérubé. The junior team from Wilberforce included Meghan Foulds, Daniel Vanier, Stephen Forde and Mathew Manary.



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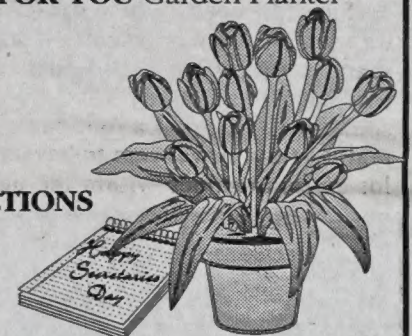
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Final budget leaves some trustees worried

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morning to voice protest over the provincial cuts to education (see related story on this page). CUPE vice president Rob Parish says custodial staff feel the current maintenance cuts probably are not sustainable. There was some discussion of the issue at the board level as well, with some trustees arguing for returning some of the money to the maintenance and supply funds, and/or providing busing to the ends of the roads at least during the winter months.

The latter issue has been a hot button with parent groups since its inception, and some parents report they are walking or driving their younger children to school themselves.

Murdoch says the board knows that cutting as much as they have out of maintenance and out of the internal sources leaves the board vulnerable in the event of a sudden need for major repairs, or other fiscal emergency, but it feels there is no other direction in which to turn.

The province has ordered it not to increase taxes nor to let cuts affect the classroom, but the numbers the board is looking at — coupled with yet another cut as deep as last year's coming from the province itself — render the edict absurd.

Says Murdoch, "We've very little extra monies for emergencies — that's the scary part right now. [Business superintendent] Jim Bradley says we've got some extra money if a roof caves in, but really, truly, if we were to have a whole lot of catastrophes within the next few

months or the next year, we could be in serious trouble, because we don't have a lot of resources any more. We basically drained them to keep the increase to the taxpayer low, and to maintain programs for the kids."

The board, says Murdoch, did look at what would be necessary, in light of the most recent changes in the fiscal situation, to deliver a zero increase to the ratepayer — and that, she says, would have meant cutting programs — possibly in instrumental music, or in computer sciences. It also considered additional cuts to instructional supplies, but dismissed it as unworkable, following last year's \$100,000 supply cut. Another possibility that might have brought the budget to balance might have been requiring students to walk even further than the current 2 km — again, an idea that didn't seem likely to have been well received publicly. She hopes, she says, that considering the situation, ratepayers will be understanding, and will consider the board's approach sensible.

Says Murdoch, "We thought that a 1.7 per cent increase to save programs for the kids, that that's a logical way to go. We made a lot of cuts in the mean time — we took a lot of things out that we would have liked to have left in — you've got to be responsible to the taxpayer, but still run an education system that's not just something in name only."

The board did, as previously proposed, proceed with the installation of the 56K data line into the high school — a measure meant to increase student access to the internet. Murdoch says her

feeling on the issue is that the line is a necessary tool and one without which previous investments in equipment to make children ready for the computer age might go to waste. She suspects also that trustees feel now might be their last chance to ensure Haliburton schools get that kind of access. After amalgamation, the trustees don't know what this county will have, and what level of attention its schools will receive from the larger body.

Troubled by cuts

Various board sources have expressed a level of discomfort with sustaining last year's more troubling cuts. Trustee Craig Pettit, one of those who spoke about the issue through the process, says he felt the board could have worked a little harder to put some of what they took out back. Cuts, he said, to educational assistants, professional development time for teachers, supply budgets, and transportation, are hurting kids, and he'd like to see more done about it. He's also disappointed with ex-

penditures approved last year that put money into providing net access at the board office — and office which may now, it appears, be vacated in short order.

Says Pettit, "Our first job is to educate the kids, and in my opinion — purchasing the computers for the board office, now that money should be elsewhere. It's a lot of personal decisions, personal choices."

Murdoch says also that she and the rest of those who voted for the budget are aware of concerns among staff and some trustees with respect to cuts in the schools, but that they're running out of room to move.

"A lot of what we're doing now," she says, "is cosmetic surgery. The things that cost big bucks are being passed over. Some of the play yards need work, but you're looking at thousands and thousands of dollars. So when it comes down to cutting a kid's program, or maybe not fixing up a play yard like it should be fixed up, well then that's the kind of thing that's going to go."

Ten minute protest

by Andrew Milne

Support workers at schools across the county staged walkouts last Monday to protest provincial cuts to education.

Workers walked off the job for ten minutes Monday afternoon to bring the issue to the public's attention.

Workers say — along with some trustees — that conditions in the schools will most probably decay if funding levels do not improve.

CUPE local vice-president Rob Parish, whose unit represents custodians, educational assistants, and secretarial

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fund. Hunt, the Singers, and renowned organist Christopher Dawes, of St. James Cathedral, all volunteered their performances for the event. Reverend Christopher Greaves said he was quite pleased with the evening, which was sold out.

Notes from AH&M Council

(Items from the April 10 meeting of Anson, Hindon and Minden municipal council.)

Thanks

Bess Cox, representing the Minden Agricultural Society, thanked the council of Anson, Hindon and Minden for its assistance regarding the Heritage Show at the Haliburton County Fair.

Cox pointed out that the fair paid out a minimum of \$7,000 in prizes last year and that the majority of the money stays in the community.

Later in the meeting, council passed a resolution granting permission for a demolition derby at the fair. It was noted that volunteers from the Minden Fire Department will be on hand with equipment and that if an emergency call is received, the fire department would be obligated to leave the fairgrounds and respond.

Cox noted that St. John Ambulance personnel will attend and a couple of off-duty police officers will be hired.

"This will be a well run, professional show," Cox assured council.

Cox also expressed the appreciation of the Canada Day Committee, of which she is a member. Council has provided the services of municipal staff, especially Daisy Downs to assist with preparations for the 1997 Canada Day celebrations. Several local service clubs, businesses and organizations have donated funds to assist with the planned celebrations. A wide variety of events are planned, including the annual fireworks display.

Water meters for Minden?

During discussions regarding the Minden Utilities

Committee meeting of April 8, it was noted that there had been some good discussion about implementing a water meter system for those on the municipal water and sewer system.

It was noted that meters cost about \$200 each, plus an additional \$70 each for installation.

Deputy-reeve Jerry Rome added that there would be additional costs involved in having someone read the meters. He further noted that each meter must be recalibrated every three years to ensure that it is working accurately.

Currently, there are only a few facilities within Minden which have their water use metered, but none are being charged by the volume of water used. Archie Stouffer Elementary School, the Minden Community Centre and Hyland Crest Senior Citizens Home are among those facilities with water meters.

Rome, who is a member of the utilities committee, pointed out that other utility operators have experienced a dramatic decrease in usage and a corresponding decrease in revenue when meters were installed. He said that should be considered when meter rates are discussed.

Municipal staff will further investigate the possibility of installing meters and the issue will be considered at the next utilities committee meeting.

Swim program

The Anson, Hindon and Minden swim program will go ahead for 1997. Council will hire one head instructor and one assistant instructor for the season. The municipality will not supply busing. The fee structure will be discussed at the next Recreation Committee meeting April 22.

Toll booth

The Minden Lions Club received approval from AHM council to conduct its annual voluntary toll booth in Minden on Saturday, May 17.

Council meeting time changed

The time of the June 20 meeting of Anson, Hindon and Minden council has been changed so members of council will be able to attend the annual general meeting of the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Board. The second meeting of the month for AHM council is usually 7:30 p.m. For the June meeting, the time will be changed to 10 a.m.

Committee responds to Snowdon

The committee which was struck to answer Snowdon Township's objectives in restructuring presented its response at last week's county council meeting.

Snowdon had threatened to bring in a restructuring commissioner because township officials were dissatisfied with the progress being made with regard to government restructuring in Haliburton County.

In the report's preamble, it was noted that the County's "Visioning" exercises identified three priority areas:

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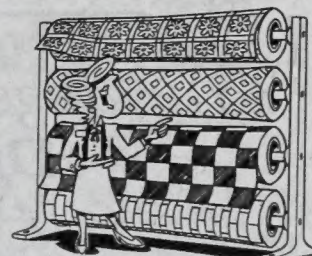


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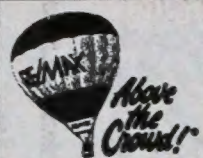
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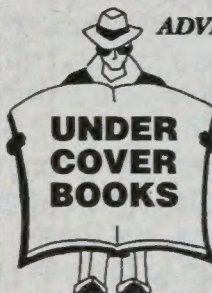
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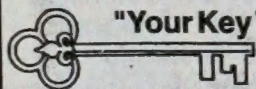
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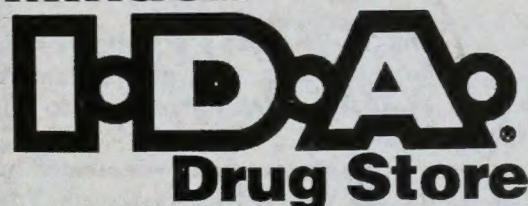
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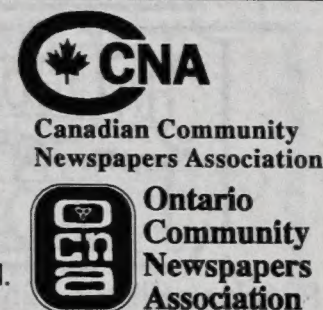
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Editorials

False start

With little fanfare, the municipal nomination process began 21 days ago. According to the change in regulations from the provincial government, the first date for filing nominations was pushed back from the first of the year to March 31.

It would appear that there will be no change for those seeking municipal council office this time around. Despite what could be described as a half-hearted attempt to consolidate the political units in the Highlands, come November, Haliburton County residents will go to the polls in the same ten municipalities to elect ten councils, (and the representatives who sit at the county council table).

The situation is not quite so clear as far as education representation is

concerned. While nominations for those positions also opened March 31, the legislation amalgamating Victoria, Haliburton and Muskoka school boards has yet to be passed by the province. Also lacking are details on the number of trustees

and how they are to be elected within this enlarged board. And so, those who feel there might still be some value in representing the area's interests on this new education body, will just have to wait a little longer before filling in their nomination papers.

Noteworthy

We would be remiss if we didn't add our endorsement to the feelings contained in the letter to the editor from Joan and Fred Chapple appear on this page. By sharing her enthusiasm and love for music, Melissa Stephens has enriched our community immeasurably. Through her involvement, the Haliburton Highlands has gained a greater appreciation for all facets of music.

As anyone who has worked with her knows, the public performances

of such productions as Anne of Green Gables or the Messiah Choir represent just a small portion of the time devoted to preparing and rehearsal. Behind the polished presentations are hours of hard work and planning. And, in addition to these events, she maintains a hectic schedule of music lessons, church choirs and myriad other activities.

So, while we acknowledge the talents of many individuals who are part of these productions, we know they all would agree that it wouldn't have been possible without the devoted leadership of Melissa Stephens.

jb

A giant bouquet for Melissa

Editor:

A common thread runs through many special musical events that take place in this wonderful county. There is someone in the Haliburton Highlands who deserves a great deal of praise.

- This person is always there to help, support, guide and provide superb musical ability.

- This person gives 100% to the task at

hand and expects others to do the same.

- This person can mould a group of choristers to stay focused; be a part of a "family" and reach their musical potential.

- This person has worked hard to raise the level of musical events to new heights: a musical, like Anne of Green Gables, is one of many awesome example. Messiah Choir; Junior and Senior Choirs; Music Festivals; private lessons; and she sews and tutors too!

- This person shies away from the limelight and prefers to work behind the scenes.

The time has come---recognition is long overdue

Melissa Stephens--take a bow!!

From all your friends and "students" in the Highlands...We Love You.

Joan and Fred Chapple,
Carnarvon.

Letters

Surplus belongs to the ratepayers

Editor:

I happened to pick up your paper this past week (April 7 edition), and turning to page 4, I was pleased to see your heading—"Muskoka ratepayers want to keep surplus". Pleased, that is, until I read the story. This headline is misleading and does not indicate the real facts about the situation. As the Councillor who put forth a motion at our Lake of Bays Council meeting, to "request

that the Muskoka school board return the money held in reserve to the taxpayers of Muskoka", I felt I must write to clarify the matter.

This reserve fund was created by getting the money from taxpayers. The request makes good sense, since the board received this money through subterfuge, indicating at tax billing time, they needed it for educational purposes. In reality, it was taken and placed in a reserve fund.

The funds should be returned to the six municipalities here in Muskoka, and used by each area for much needed work, on roads, etc.

The Muskoka board, of course does not like this idea. Neither would the Victoria, or Haliburton boards, who hope that, when amalgamated, the funds would come their way, and they could well make use of it as a new, larger board.

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Tax increase is horrific

(from page 8)

I would appreciate it, if you could see your way clear to clarify the "Muskoka ratepayers want to keep surplus" heading, so your readers will know what the real story is.

On page 2, of the same issue, it is stated the the chairs of Haliburton and Victoria boards feel the cuts made will hurt the classroom. This is not a proven fact. It is my feeling that this statement is being made through the teachers, who are merely interested in keeping as many teachers working as possible. The boards should be looking at

ways of saving money, even if it means cutting some teaching staff.

One only had to listen to radio station CHAY (Barrie) last week, when the Simcoe County Board chair stated they were going to have to increase taxes 8%. (That is horrific)! Following this announcement, a teacher was interviewed, and she stated "the increase was not high enough, and should have been higher". They do not care at all about the high property tax situation—all they want is more money, or save their jobs!

Higher school taxes are easily put in

place. The various boards just do it, rather than bite the bullet and cut out things that waste money. For example, the Haliburton board would rather raise taxes 1.6% than cope with a \$272,000 dollar cut from the government. This says a lot to back up my previous statement. I have always felt that the boards look on the public as a Horn of Plenty, and this has to stop.

It is usually a lot easier to complain to a local sitting Council (and get results) than to do the same at any school board. They merely ignore you! It is about time the boards wake up, and tighten their fiscal belts—even if it does hurt! Thank you.

Graham Good,
Muskoka.

Appreciate Minden's Hospital

Editor:

I had a bad cough for over a week or more and decided to go to the Minden Hospital, rather than wait a couple weeks to see my family doctor. I wasn't getting any sleep with my cough.

Dr. Lingertat was at the Minden Hospital, he examined me and wasn't happy with my chest and ordered a chest X-ray. He phoned my cancer doctor, Dr. Wrezbicki in Peterboro and suggested he see me immediately. Two days later, following his examination, he said my cancer had come back. He ordered additional X-rays and blood

work the same day as well as a CAT Scan, bone scan and ultra sound.

Later, I saw my family doctor, as I had fluid build-up on my lung. I had it taken off at the hospital and sent away. Arrangements were made to Dr. Minor, a lung-chest specialist and I was booked for surgery on Easter week.

After seven years I thought I was home-free. I am now on chemo pills. Thankfully I went to the Minden Hospital and Dr. Lingertat looked after me.

Helen Cox,
Minden.

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Your brother's keeper

You cannot do kindness too soon, for you cannot know how soon will be too late.

Ralph Waldo Emerson.

*We all want to have a reputation for generosity
And we'd all like to buy it cheap.*

Anon

I've been thinking what a rough ride we would give the Good Samaritan if he was unwise enough to show up nowadays.

For anyone whose Bible lore is rusty, the Good Samaritan was the subject of a New Testament parable. Basically he was the only guy who bothered to stop and help a man who had been held up and savagely mugged by thieves. "Good Samaritan" has come to be a term that we bestow on anyone who shows generosity or compassion toward the down-trodden and poor.

And it is a term you don't hear a whole lot these days.

It is certainly not a term that would spring to the lips of Sylvia Stayton, of Cincinnati, Ohio. Not if she was looking for ways to describe Municipal Court Judge John West. Ms. Stayton, a grandmother, was hauled up in court before the judge for a pre-trial hearing recently. Her lawyer was seeking dismissal of the charges. The judge said no way. Ms. Stayton will stand trial for obstruction and disorderly conduct.

And what did this wild-eyed harridan do

to get cited? Lie down in front of the mayor's limousine? Burn her bra on the Cincinnati courthouse steps?

Nah. Sylvia Stayton was charged when she put 15 cents in two expired parking meters. She was trying to do a good turn for the drivers of the cars, neither of whom she knew. A Cincinnati cop who was writing out a ticket for one of the cars ordered her to stop feeding the meter. She refused and I guess she might go to jail as a result. The judge will issue a ruling next week.

Then there is Ron Seaward's tale of woe. Seaward was driving from Toronto to London, Ontario recently when he spied a car in the ditch. Seaward, feeling conspicuously Good Samaritanish, pulled over and got out to help. As did an Ontario Provincial policeman.

While the cop and Seaward were grunting and straining at the back bumper of the stuck car, several other vehicles cringed into Seaward's truck and the police cruiser.

Naturally, the officer now has to write out an accident report. Naturally, he has to see everybody's licence and registration—including Seaward's.

Which is when the cop notices that Seaward has been driving with an expired licence.

Well...a violation, to be sure, but under the circumstances—Seaward being such a decent chap and all—undoubtedly the cop

will let Seaward off with a wink and a warning, right?

Not.

Seaward, who was only acting on an impulse of kindness and generosity towards a fellow human being in a jam, finds himself with a strained back, a banged-up truck and a \$315 traffic ticket.

Guess how fast he'll pull over the next time he sees a motorist in difficulty?

Sad, but true, the streets are getting meaner.

Still, Ron Seaward can look on the bright side—at least he didn't have to be helped by a politician. There is a story going around about a travelling salesman on a business trip to Ottawa who one night was robbed, beaten up, thrown in the ditch and left for dead.

The first person to come by was a Reform Party MP. She looked down at the man and snapped, "Get up on your feet! Stop feeling sorry for yourself! Be a man!" And she walked on.

Next came an NDP supporter. He gasped in dismay at the sight of the poor guy in the ditch. "This is terrible!" he wailed. "I must find the people who did this! They need psychiatric help and career counselling!" And off he ran. The next passer-by was a Liberal Cabinet Minister. He stopped in front of the injured man, looked around to make sure no one was watching, then he knelt down by the side of the man and whispered, "What did the other two say?"

Etcetera

Arthur Black

On the Street

by Times Staff

NEW NAME--NEW EQUIPMENT

There have been some exciting changes at Laurie Roberts' business at Heritage Plaza in Minden. First and foremost, the business will shortly undergo a name change. Known to most everyone as Perfect Print Image Centre, as of May 1, the business name will change to Photo Solutions Image Centre. The name reflects the changing nature of the service offered and the purchase of the business by Laurie.

What most customers will notice is the addition of an new piece of machinery. Called the Kodak Image Magic Copyprint Station, it is one of the reasons for the change in name. Utilizing modern computerized programming, the Copyprint Station can make reprints from negatives, transparencies or prints. While Laurie has always provided reprint services, in some cases, such as transparencies, the work had to be sent away to be done. Now, within a matter of 90 seconds, the reprint, up 8 x 10 inches, is ready.

Making reprints is just the start of what this new technology can accomplish. As the customer watches a computer screen, the machine can crop a photo, enlarge or reduce it, improve the contrast and colours. Photos can also be transferred to a diskette for viewing on a computer screen at home.

One feature that many amateur photographers will appreciate is the machine's ability to eliminate the problem of 'red eye'. Caused when a flash is used to brighten a photo, 'red eye' often ruins the look of a photo. That machine can also make prints in tones such as sepia or reproduce a colour photo in black and white. As an added touch, a machine can add a frame around a photo for that special look.



Laurie Roberts



More awards for The Times

Times publisher Jack Brezina, right, accepts the congratulations of Ontario Community Newspaper Association President and publisher of the Haliburton County Echo, Len Pizzev, following the presentation of three Premiere Awards. The Times placed first for the use of spot colour in advertising (the Halinet Internet ad) third for in-house promotion (The Times OnLine) and third for best feature photo in black and white (Andrew Milne's time-exposure of the comet Hyakutake). The Times also received an honourable mention for the use of original artwork (Epsilon Satellite business profile). The awards were presented at the association's annual meeting held April 3-6 in Toronto. At the same meeting, Pizzev was elected president of the association which represents community newspapers across the province.



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Outdoors Association get early look at candidates

by Jerry Grozelle

Those who attended the Haliburton Highlands Outdoors Association's annual Spring Meeting got an early look at three of the people who will be competing for their votes in the federal election. Although the election call has yet to be announced, voters expect to be casting their ballots in early June.

Outdoors Association president Pat Kennedy welcomed incumbent Liberal Member of Parliament John O'Reilly, Progressive Conservative candidate Lorne Chester and Reform candidate Pat Dunn to the meeting. Each was given 15 minutes to speak. Speakers were asked to focus on issues of interest to the outdoors oriented audience.

Gun control law dominates discussion

Bill C-68, the controversial gun control bill that would require all Canadians to register their firearms, was the hot topic.

Chester, who was the first to speak, said that the Progressive Conservative Party has made a commitment to repeal Bill C-68. He said he was in Winnipeg last August where he spoke on the issue at length in front of the membership of the PC Party of Canada. This past February, Chester says he went to Ottawa to make sure the repeal of Bill C-68 was included in the PC Party platform. Chester pointed out that "the party's position on C-68 is on page 36 of the platform booklet."

The official party stance is outlined in a single paragraph which reads: "Canada needs gun control legislation

that ensures that criminal use of firearms is prevented and punished, one that ensures safe firearms training, usage, storage and transportation. It does not need a law that treats law-abiding gun owners as criminals. We will repeal the Firearms Act (Bill C-68). Mandatory penalties on those convicted of

using a firearm in the commission of a crime will be increased."

"Registration is just another form of taxation that would add more bureaucracy," Chester said.

In order to ensure safer communities, he said, the PCs would establish some benchmarks for clear and consist-

ent sentencing of criminals. He added that judges would be given less discretionary power in the sentencing process.

Chester also said that the Young Offenders' Act is in need of an overhaul.

(more on page 13)



POLITICALLY ASTUTE: About 75 members and friends of the Haliburton Highlands Outdoors Association are aware of the platforms of the federal Tory, Liberal and Reform parties as they relate to outdoors topics after the HHOA's second annual Spring Meeting at the West Guilford Community Centre April 13. HHOA president Pat Kennedy (left) and first vice-president Scott Vasey (second from left) welcomed political speakers Pat Dunn (Reform), Lorne Chester (Progressive Conservative) and John O'Reilly (Liberal).

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High single (handicap): Joan Rivard 266; Doug Reinwald 359
High triple: Joan Rivard 551; Doug Reinwald 699
High triple (handicap): Joan Rivard 671; Doug Reinwald 774

Legion 636 Mixed League (April 14)

High average: Leitha Kuchalema 163; Fred Knight 197
High single: Elli Langpohl 207; Lloyd Brown 256
High single (handicap): Elli Langpohl 270; Lloyd Brown 301
High triple: Sheila Burke 526; Jim Hindle 631
High triple (handicap): Sheila Burke 697; Bob Vankoughnet 723

Monday Night Mixed League (April 14)

High average: Marlene Robinson 202; Scott Moore 223
High single: Michelle Moore 210; Ron Robinson 284
High single (handicap): Michelle Moore 247; Walt Stegmaier 298
High triple: Michelle Moore 618; Walt Stegmaier 731
High triple (handicap): Michelle Moore 79; Walt Stegmaier 791

Tuesday Seniors Mixed League (April 15)

High average: Eleanor Young 179; Walt Stegmaier 204
High single: Eleanor young 213; Walt Stegmaier 251
High single (handicap): Pat Stegmaier 265; Walt Stegmaier 268
High triple: Eleanor Young 597; Walt Stegmaier 663
High triple (handicap): Pat Stegmaier 716; Walt Stegmaier 714

Thursday Afternoon Seniors League (April 17)

High average: Edith Alzner 172; Jerry Warren 194

High single: Edith Alzner 206; Jerry Warren 292
High single (handicap): Edith Alzner 248; Jerry Warren 318
High triple: Edith Alzner 536; Jerry Warren 701
High triple (handicap): Maxine Cross 690; Jerry Warren 779

Robert Cox rolls 211 in bantam division

Youth Bowling Council
(For the week ending April 12)

Peewee

High single: Tori Brown 85; Robert Cox 111
High double: Tori Brown 167; Robert Cox 211

Bantam

High single: Lesley Cox 129; Brad Mickle 193
High triple: Lesley Cox 323; Brad Mickle 502

Junior/Senior

High single: Elizabeth Goldenberg 196; Jeremy Pearce 240
High triple: Christa McGlade 458; Jeremy Pearce 618

Hodgson announces 1997 fish stocking plans for Lake Ontario

Natural Resources Minister Chris Hodgson announced that his Ministry will increase the stocking of chinook salmon and rainbow trout in Lake Ontario this year and will re-establish Ontario's coho salmon program.

These initiatives will improve future sport fishing opportunities available to millions of Ontario anglers.

"Fish stocking is an important tool fishery managers use to provide sport fishing and associated economic benefits from the aquatic resources of the province," said Hodgson. "With the stocking plans I've announced today, I am confident that we will enhance and revitalize the Lake Ontario fishery, while working within the natural capacity of the lake ecosystem."

Hodgson emphasized that the changes in the fish stocking strategy for Lake Ontario are the direct result of extensive public consultation, which has been conducted over the past few months.

"Anglers, charter boat operators, commercial fishermen and others interested in the future of the Lake Ontario fishery have contributed many good ideas on ways to improve this valuable resource," said Hodgson. "I would also like to thank the provincial Fish and Wildlife Advisory Board for its advice and assistance in developing the 1997 fish stocking plans for Lake Ontario."

Ontario's Coho Salmon Program Re-established

MNR will bring back the coho salmon program, which was discontinued in 1991.

More than 40,000 coho, which are

currently in the Normandale and White Lake hatcheries, will be stocked in Lake Ontario this fall and next spring. In the future, MNR will significantly expand the coho program to add exciting new seasonal angling opportunities for boat and shoreline anglers.

Increase Chinook Salmon

MNR will increase stocking of chinook salmon in Lake Ontario by 30 per cent this year to about 600,000 fish. This will provide an extra boost for this highly prized trophy fishery.

Renewed Emphasis on Rainbow Trout

The rainbow trout, or steelhead, is an important component of the sport fishery in Lake Ontario and its tributary streams. In 1997, MNR will stock 245,000 rainbow trout, including increased numbers of larger yearling fish.

This year, for the first time, rainbow trout from MNR hatcheries will be planted in eastern Lake Ontario to diversify angling opportunities in that area of the lake.

Other Trout Species

MNR will stock 205,000 brown trout this year and will target those sites which have consistently shown the best returns to the angler, particularly at the west end of lake Ontario. Most of the brown trout destined for Lake Ontario will also be yearling fish, which survive better after stocking.

A total of 460,000 lake trout will also be stocked, primarily at the east end of the Lake, where rehabilitation efforts have shown the greatest success.

Lob ball tournament will raise funds for Minden Parks Dept.

An eight team lob ball tournament will be held in Minden on Saturday, July 12.

The as yet unnamed tournament is being organized by parks manager Ivan Ingram. He says he's looking into the possibility of making it a memorial event.

"We're starting off small," Ingram said. "Maybe it will be bigger next year."

Ingram says he expects mostly local teams to participate, with the possibility of a team or two from Cobocook or Burnt River. Officials from a half dozen or so teams from the Minden area have

already indicated an interest in the tournament.

Municipal employees are volunteering their time to run the tournament and operate a food booth during the one-day event. Ingram has already recruited some umpires.

Proceeds from the tournament will go into the general parks revenue fund.

"We will make some money for the Parks Department without costing the taxpayers anything," he said.

Registration fee for the event is \$200 per team. Anyone interested in entering a team should contact Ivan Ingram at 286-1260 (work) or 286-1923 (home).



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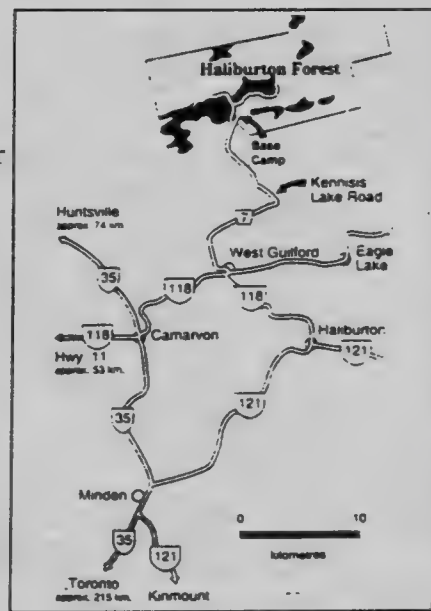
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Tories, Reformers vow to repeal bill C-68

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"We'd like to make the transfer to adult court faster and easier for those young offenders who have committed serious crimes. The process now is too drawn out. The impact is lost," he said.

Chester is very familiar with the legal system. As a lawyer, he has been a federal prosecutor and he knows the frustrations involved with prosecuting people for all forms of crime.

"The sentences should be longer than those currently in place for young offenders," Chester said. "One of the things that got under my skin when I was a federal prosecutor was that any time the police found drugs in the schools, in particular the high schools, when I asked for jail for those convicted of drug possession for a first offense (in a school), in nine years as a prosecutor, I never got one judge to do that."

Chester noted that a seven-day jail sentence for the conviction of drug possession in a school would send a strong message to students as well as parents. He said it was frustrating, not only for him, but also for police and school officials as well.

Chester added that rehabilitation aspects would also be instituted as well as getting tougher on the more serious crimes of young offenders.

On the subject of sentencing, Chester said, "To me, life means life -- a sentence should be a sentence. Section 745 has to go. That's the Faint Hope Clause. It's nonsense for the Liberals -- Mr. Rock (federal Justice Minister Allan Rock) -- to say you can't make changes retroactive."

He cited the case of Clifford Olson, noting that the likelihood of Olson being released is slim, but the families of his victims are suffering through the process of Olson's parole hearing after serving 15 years on the conviction of murdering 11 young people aged nine to 18.

The sentencing system, in Chester's opinion, is in need of change. He pointed out that those sentenced to two years less a day on a conviction of drug trafficking, would serve longer time and harder time than those who were handed longer sentences.

"The reality is, if he got two years less a day, he'd be serving longer time and harder time in a provincial institution than he would in a federal institution. They kick those guys out in four, five or six months. That's not right," he said. "That anomaly has got to change."

Also on the subject of sentencing, Chester said they should run consecutively for multiple crimes rather than concurrently. He is also in favour of tightening up the parole system and expanding victims' rights.

Victoria-Haliburton MP John O'Reilly was the second speaker.

"I will deal almost entirely with the item that's high on your list and that's Bill C-68," O'Reilly said. "Yes, I'm the same person who said I would vote against the Bill. And yes, I'm the same person who was sent on an agricultural

conference in Washington to represent the Canadian delegation that is dealing with the problems of feeding the world. I had five other people with me who would have voted in favour of the Bill."

O'Reilly pointed out that the final vote on the third reading was 192 to 63.

"If I had returned with the delegation for the vote, it would have been 197 to 64," he said. "The point to be made here is that this Bill was going to be won by the people who were in favour of gun control and who feel that crime control and gun control are one and the same."

O'Reilly noted that the view is primarily rural versus urban and there are more people elected from the cities than there are from rural areas such as Victoria-

Haliburton. It is a case where representation by population works against the rural ridings.

"There are a very large number of people who feel very strongly that it's not a big deal to register their guns. And they feel very passionate about that fact. They include families of crime victims -- families with names such as French, DeVilliers and Mahaffey -- and they spent a lot of time with rights groups in Ottawa. I have to fight that and that's a tough battle, arguing with them."

O'Reilly defended his voting record, stating that he is in the "high 80s in the voting."

He noted that all private members' bills are free

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Outdoors related issues the focus of debate

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votes.

"That is, in fact, the place to vote against your party or to register your complaints," he said. "There have been more free votes since I've been to parliament than any other time in the history of Canada."

"The other thing that you should know is that I seconded the vote to abolish the Faint Hope Clause, which was (section) 745 of the criminal code. And I voted against Bill C-33, which I considered to be an anti-family Bill."

O'Reilly added that he supported the DNA Act, which allows DNA samples to be used as evidence.

"Voting against your party is not recommended for any party," O'Reilly explained, "no matter what your party or what you may believe. Politics is a team sport and going out to score a goal on your own net is just not the way to get a point across. It's not the coach you have to deal with, it's the other people on the team that you have to work with on a daily basis."

O'Reilly said that it was the Conservatives who brought in Bill C-17 (a Bill that, among other things, requires presenting identification to purchase ammunition, including air rifle pellets and BBs; restricting magazine sizes and banning certain firearms) and Jean Charest was in cabinet at the time.

"Now, they've (the PC Party) decided that Bill C-68, in its entirety, will be thrown out," O'Reilly said.

At the time when Bill C-68 was passed, O'Reilly said he was the sole representative for Victoria-Haliburton above the municipal level. There was an eight-month time span when the riding was without a provincial representative because Dennis Drainville had resigned to run federally. He said he was the only person in the riding to deal with every problem above the municipal level.

"It was a very busy time in my career," he said. "I had a very busy time trying to convince municipalities to apply for the Infrastructure Program, for instance. I also had to work with Art Eggleton, who was the former mayor of Toronto to set the rules for the Infrastructure Program, because it didn't favour Victoria-Haliburton."

He said that he met with representatives from the 42 municipalities that make up the riding and convinced them to take advantage of the program by paying one third of the cost of projects.

"By the way, Victoria-Haliburton did receive 238 infrastructure approvals," he said. "That's the largest number in Canada. So, we did something right."

When the issue of gun

control was first debated, O'Reilly said he included a question on gun control in his first brochure. When the results of his poll were tabulated, 49.6 per cent of the respondents were in favour of gun control and 49.4 were against it.

"That's what I was faced with at that time," he said. "I was between a Rock (Justice Minister Allan Rock) and a hard place."

O'Reilly suggested that if he had voted against Bill C-68 it might have jeopardized the \$33-million in infrastructure funding that the riding received and possibly the \$200,000 that was recently announced for the Haliburton Development Program, may have been jeopardized.

"I think that I was in a winning situation in the Infrastructure Program alone," O'Reilly said. "And I believe I did what any one of you in this room would have had to do if you were in my position."

Reform candidate Pat Dunn showed his sense of humour when he told the audience: "I'm a cop. I like chasing bad guys. I like protecting people. I like coffee. I like donuts."

On a serious note, Dunn said, "Along came Bill C-68. This Bill made you and all my friends potential criminals. All of a sudden, honest Canadian citizens, who had never done anything wrong in their lives, and probably never would, have been set up to become criminals."

He said that many of the people he hunts with have said they will refuse to register their guns.

"These people are prepared to break the law because they know it's a bad law," he said.

Dunn said that the Conservatives have borrowed items from the Reform platform.

"Good for them," he said. "But can we believe them? Have they ever bent the truth before?"

The Reform Party has vowed to put back the \$4-billion that the federal Liberals have taken out of health care and education in Ontario, Dunn said.

After noting several other issues where he feels the Liberals and Conservatives have fallen

short, Dunn returned to the subject of justice.

"Over the past 30 years, our justice system has been perverted until criminals no longer fear punishment," he said. "Six months ago, Parliament passed amendments to the Criminal Code allowing judges to waive jail time for people sentenced for up to two years less a day. Instead, they can impose conditional sentences to be served in the community on those they do not consider a threat to public safety. Three days later a judge in Ontario excused a man who had been convicted of threatening to kill his estranged wife, during an illegal visit to the former matrimonial home, from serving any further jail time. What is the purpose of anti-stalking laws and threatening laws if judges override the sentence?"

"In Grand Prairie, a man who fired a sawed-off .22 calibre rifle at his wife -- and missed -- will serve 18 months in the community," Dunn continued. "If we want to stop criminal use of firearms, wouldn't this be a good place to start?"

"In British Columbia, a man who sexually assaulted his 11 year-old babysitter once a week for three years was deemed not to be a threat to society and spared a 15-month jail sentence."

"In Lindsay, a man was convicted of sexual assault and given 90 days -- at home -- without TV!"

"Where's the deterrent? Where's the justice?" Dunn asked the audience.

The Young Offenders' Act, Dunn says, would be replaced with measures that would hold young criminals responsible for their actions.

"Specifically, we will redefine young offenders as those aged 10 to 15; serious offenders 14 and 15 and any offender over 16 years of age would be tried in adult court," Dunn said.

He also noted that publication of names of all convicted violent offenders would be permitted.

"We will also repeal Section 745 of the Criminal

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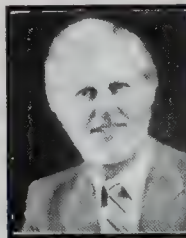
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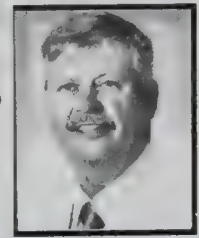
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April 19: Celebrate, a concert featuring the 60 voice Mohawk College Singers presented by St. George's Anglican Church, Haliburton. At the Legion Hall. Reserved seating: \$17.50 in advance \$20 at the door. Proceeds to the church restoration fund. Tickets available at Perfect Prints and Master's Bookstore, Haliburton and Campbell's Flowers, Minden. 7:30 p.m.

April 20: Haliburton County Children's Concert Series presents The Touring Players' Theatre of Canada with five, well-loved Robert Munsch stories performed by four talented artists. At Archie Stouffer Elementary School, Minden, 2 p.m.

April 23: Decoy carving workshop at the Dorset Recreation Centre with Joe Barager. Each participant will complete a decoy. Advance registration advised, call the centre at 766-9968. \$40. 7-9 p.m.

April 26: Haliburton Highlands Field Naturalists outing to Algonquin Park. Car pooling suggested. Watch local newspapers for details.

April 26: Flea Market sponsored by the Ladies Auxiliary of the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 129 at the Legion hall, Haliburton. 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

April 26: Third annual dinner and auction presented by the Kinmount Committee for Planning and Development with proceeds to the Kinmount Heritage Parkland Development Project, Galway Hall. \$20. 5:30 p.m.

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Kinmount and District Lions Club elects new executives

The Kinmount and District Lions Club held its election of directors for 1997-98 recently. The new board will take office officially on July 1, 1997.

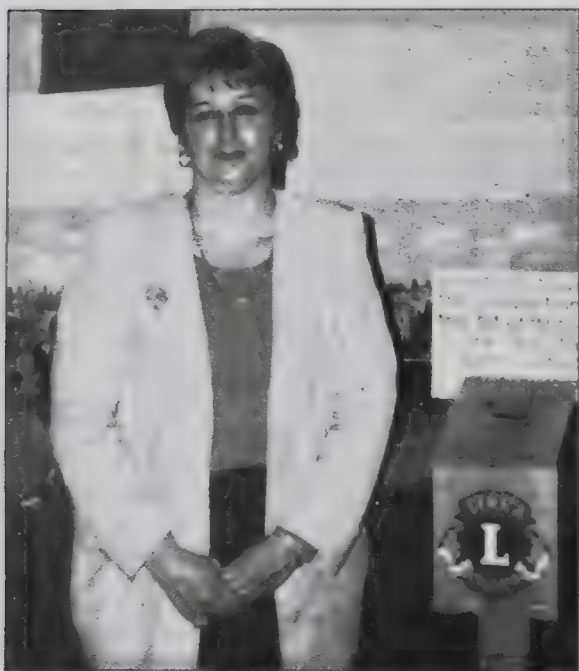
Christina Weerdenburg was elected president for the 1997-98 term. Other members of the executive include:

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PRESIDENT ELECT: Christina Weerdenburg has been elected president of the Kinmount and District Lions Club. She will take office officially on July 1.

No clear winner among candidates at HHOA Annual Spring Meeting

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Code, the Liberal/Tory law which allows first degree murderers... that's premeditated murder... and these guys want to kick them loose after only 15 years," Dunn said.

"We will hold a binding national referendum on Capital Punishment," he added.

"Bill C-68 will not go away. and many a Liberal Member of Parliament will pay dearly for not listening to the people who elected them," Dunn predicted.

"In his last term in office, Brian Mulroney introduced Bill C-80, which was a forerunner to Bill C-68. It also called for mandatory registration and many other regulations which showed up in Bill C-68," Dunn said. "The Conservatives brought in gun control and the Liberals made it worse."

Dunn said that the liberals swept into power in 1993 on the promise that they would "kill, scrap, abolish" the GST. "All they have done so far is spend three billion dollars changing the GS to BS," he said.

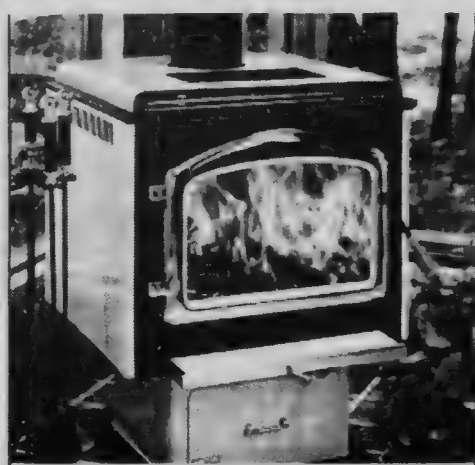
Taking a swipe at both the Liberals and Conservatives, Dunn said, "Reform is dedicated to representing their constituents in Ottawa. Not some of the time. Not most of the time. All of the time. Period."

A question period followed the speeches. Much of the discussion focused on gun control, with the speakers reiterating and clarifying their positions.

On the subject of the lead shot ban, O'Reilly said that the issue was bound to a large extent by international treaties, he isn't in favour of forcing the use of steel shot in certain circumstances.

"That legislation needs a lot more work," he said.

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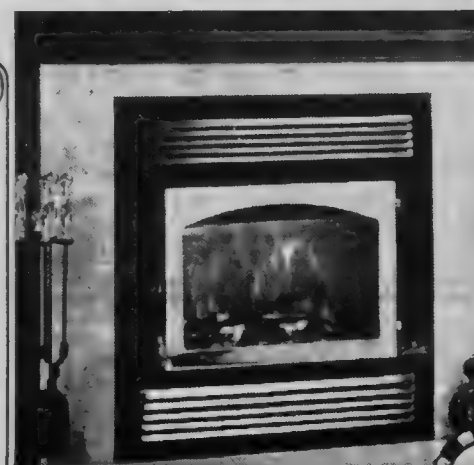
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Walkout held to protest cuts to maintenance

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workers, said the employees wish to emphasize the action was to protest the province's policies, not the actions of the local board.

Said Parish, "It's a fightback against the Harris government. It wasn't against our employer. We have no grievance with the Haliburton County Board of Education, but we wanted to do something to raise public awareness of what's happening to the system with these cuts."

The Haliburton County board is facing additional cuts of \$272,000 to its provincial grants this year — equivalent cuts to those they absorbed last year. The board made substantial cuts to supply and maintenance budgets last year to help finance the cuts, and maintained those reduced levels in the budget struck this year — though there has been some discussion at the board level as to whether or not the reduced levels can be sustained.

Parish says custodial staff in the system are also asking that question. "You're dealing," he said, "with a building that's 70,000 square feet, and it has to be maintained. If it isn't, in the end it's going to cost you more... It can't go on forever. You can skimp for a couple years, but you're going to have to realize that when those couple years are over, you're going to have to spend more because you're going to have to catch up to where you should have been to begin with... You're going to get a lot of major repairs because stuff wasn't done to begin with. If you don't fix the leaking roof, what other problems are you going to get because you didn't deal with that?"

Support staff members, says Parish, are finding themselves in the same position as many in the system — they're feeling a little disillusioned, a little put upon. In an atmosphere in which criticism of the system seems the order of the day, there's little thanks for

the work they do, and a general sense there's little more they can do to protect the integrity of the system against the pressure for further cuts.

"People are getting depressed. We've heard for the last year and a half we're cutting, we're cutting, we're cutting. And there's just not that much more to cut... It's affecting us... You know you have to do a certain amount of painting — but you start thinking well, we have no paint budget. Everything has been cut. Well you start thinking if it doesn't matter if the painting gets done, does it matter if this gets done, or that gets done. It gets negative. People are trying to be positive, but we're not getting any positive information. No one's thanking you for a job well done. All we're hearing is the negative. It's too bad."

Support workers do not believe, says Parish, the system can absorb further reductions without affecting the quality of education.

"Last year at Archie Stouffer we lost four hours of our maintenance, to cover the cut from last year. This year, we've lost another \$272,000. Where's that money going to come from?" Parish asked. "It has to either come from the support staff, or the classroom. And either way you're hurting the kids... When you take an EA out of a room, that child may have trouble adapting to the classroom situation without help. Is the teacher going to spend all their time with that one child? Or in educating the other say 30 kids in the classroom? Secretaries? Suppose you phone the school, you want to get in touch with your child in an emergency or anything, and there's no secretary or the phone rings 50 times. You're going to wonder what's going on down there. And those are all things that are going to happen, if things continue."

"I'm not knocking the trustees. I think they're doing the best they can with the money they have... I just wish the public realized they just can't run the system

the way it is any longer. And it's going to affect their kids. Unless you've got enough money to afford to send your kids to a private school, your child's education level, unless things change, is going to go down. It can't go any other way. They've taken out so much. What other company in Haliburton County could survive losing \$272,000?"

Board trustees worried about support cuts within the system have expressed similar sentiments — trustee and former chair Wendy Ladurantaye said last week she worries the cuts will in the long run represent a false economy, with repair costs generally higher than maintenance — and with amalgamation with larger boards looming on the horizon, the next worry seems to be whether a larger board, even assuming amalgamation does make more money available, is likely to be attentive to decaying infrastructure in possibly remote Haliburton schools. Says Craig Pettit, one of the trustees who spoke to the issue during budget discussions, "That's my question — will they bother. And it's impossible to say right now."

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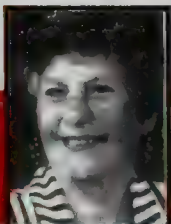
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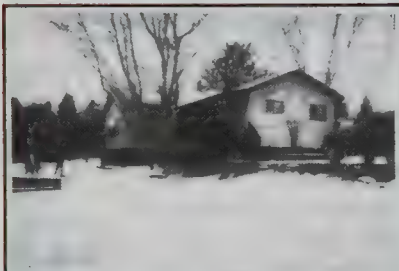
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President addresses builders

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heydays of the baby boom era."

McLaughlin noted that renovation activity now exceeds new housing construction. "Over 40 per cent of our builder members report that renovation work is an important part of their business," he said. "This percentage is growing each year. Recent consumer research reports that the professionals in CHBA dominate the market for larger renovations."

Employment generated by housing exports has grown from 100,000 jobs in 1991 to 150,000 jobs in 1995.

On the new housing front, Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation's household formation projections are very favourable for the industry. The potential housing demand is 160,000 new units annually.

"Today, at that level, we would be contributing another 100,000 jobs to the economy," McLaughlin pointed out. "Some forecasters believe that we could reach 200,000 new units in the very near future. This, of course, will depend on the state of the economy and the removal of government barriers - the biggest impediment to our industry's performance."

"As our economy grows stronger and consumer confidence returns, our biggest problem will not be low demand for our products and services, but the capacity to meet a much higher demand. Shortages of skilled people are already a serious problem and every developer is carrying the deadly weight of government imposed costs," McLaughlin said. "The housing industry is an immensely important part of our domestic economy. We should never hesitate to remind people of this - particularly our politicians."

"The chart of housing activity is the chart of Canada's economic health. When our industry is under-performing so is the domestic economy. Housing activity remains a principal indicator of employment opportunity, consumer confidence and personal financial well-being."

National Housing Strategy essential

"Despite the improvements we are seeing in housing activity, the development of a national housing strategy remains absolutely essential," McLaughlin said. "We are getting closer to establishing the foundations of a national housing strategy. We must continue to hammer home one central message - the industry's under performance is due, in large part, to public policy impediments. We know that we will continue to under perform until our economy grows stronger, more jobs are created and consumer confidence returns."

"But it is equally true

that our activity right now should be much stronger than it is," he continued. "And, it will remain weaker than it should be even with a stronger economy. We are weighted down by a cost structure that reflects the excesses of the last 25 years."

McLaughlin stated that there are those who argue that the situation cannot be that serious. Housing affordability has never been better than it is today.

"The fact is that gains in affordability have been achieved at huge cost-- the very worst level of housing activity in one year since the second world war and the longest recession in our industry since that time," McLaughlin said. "The result has been the loss of tens of thousands of jobs and a weakened industry. It is going to take much more than lower interest rates to restore the capacity of our industry."

He said that what is required is a national housing strategy which restores reason and common sense to the tax and regulatory environment. A strategy supported by both federal and provincial governments.

"We are not opposed to paying our fair share of taxes," McLaughlin added. "And we are not looking for government hand-outs. What we want is a public policy environment which allows us to operate profitably, to create jobs and to maximize our market potential, and contribute to Canada's economic growth and development."

McLaughlin urged the members of the HCHBA to continue with their support of the CHBA so the national organization will have a strong voice and a positive influence in the policy-making decisions of the federal and provincial governments.

Annual Home, Cottage and Recreation Show

The Haliburton County Home Builders' Association' annual Home, Cottage and Recreational Show will take place May 3 and 4 at the Minden Curling Club. Gary Burtch, president of the HCHBA, urged members to take part in the show, noting that it is the association's big fund-raiser of the year.



SPECIAL RECOGNITION: Two members of the Haliburton County Home Builders' Association were presented with awards for their outstanding contributions to the Association. Brian Holden (left) and Gary Burtch (right) were presented with their awards by Canadian Home Builders' Association president Bob McLaughlin, who was the guest speaker at the HCHBA meeting April 15 at Birch Point Lodge.

Palladini meeting put off

Yet another meeting with Transportation Minister Al Palladini has been cancelled. The telephone interrupted proceedings at last Wednesday's county council meeting as an official from Palladini's office called to explain that the minister would have to cancel a meeting that county officials have been trying to arrange since last September. Palladini was to have met with Haliburton officials Friday. A previous meeting earlier this year was also cancelled.

The NDP protest that tied up Queen's Park by introducing street by street resolutions over the Megacity proposal was blamed for Palladini's cancelled trip to Haliburton County. Previous commitments out of the country will take precedence over

the county's appointment.

Warden Murray Fearrey asked if an alternate date had been considered and he was told that no alternate date had been set. Fearrey then asked if a meeting could be arranged in Toronto or if a meeting could be arranged with someone else. He was told that Palladini had a new parliamentary assistant starting Monday and that alternate arrangements couldn't be made immediately.

The meeting was to discuss the transfer of highways to the county roads system. The county is desperate to know where it stands in terms of funding and its responsibility for bridges.

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County Council briefs

(Items from the April 16 meeting of Haliburton County Council)

Roads

In his Roads Committee report, Jim McMahon noted that a culvert collapse on County Road 6 will add an estimated \$70,000 to \$80,000 to the roads budget. He said that the roads department will cut back on other projects to make up the shortfall.

Councillor Bill Davis said he still has "grave concerns" about taking over highways and especially bridges. He pointed out that county officials were adamant during discussions on the subject that the cost of maintaining bridges should not be assumed by the county.

McMahon commented that he didn't think the county has any choice in the matter. "I think it's part and parcel of the package," he said.

The concern was expressed that if the county had to pay to replace one bridge it could result in bankruptcy.

Hyland Crest

Councillor Jack Mavor said that staff negotiations at Hyland Crest Senior Citizens' Home are almost completed.

A replacement medical director has not been found, but the situation is being actively addressed.

Mavor said that an excellent financial report has been presented. So far this year, operations are more than \$27,000 under budget.

Health Unit

The Health Unit will be doing septic inspections for at least another year. The county has been asked to respond to the Health Unit's proposal to provide the service (at almost double the previous cost) by May 1.

Councillor Lisa Mercer questioned why the deadline was May 1 when the change won't take place until October. Councillor Keith Tallman, who sits on the Health Unit Committee, explained that it will mean lay-offs and the affected personal must be given adequate notice.

Two inspectors and one secretary in Haliburton County will be among the 19 personnel affected by lay-offs.

Noting the 100 per cent increase in cost, councillor Bill Davis asked Tallman if the Health Unit based its costs on keeping inspectors employed for 12 months of the year when they are only able to do inspections for a

maximum of eight months.

Tallman said that there are several other tasks that the inspectors perform when the weather is too cold for septic system work.

Davis said that he was only making sure that the taxpayers got the most bang for their buck.

Councillor George Simmons pointed out that none of the county's

building officials are qualified to do septic inspections and since there is no cost to the county, it should let the Health Unit do the inspections for the coming year. (The course to certify septic system inspectors takes three months to complete.)

Said councillor Jim McMahon, "We need to have the Who Does What Committee look at the whole picture. We have to look at all the options."

"We've got to get off our asses and do something," Simmons said.

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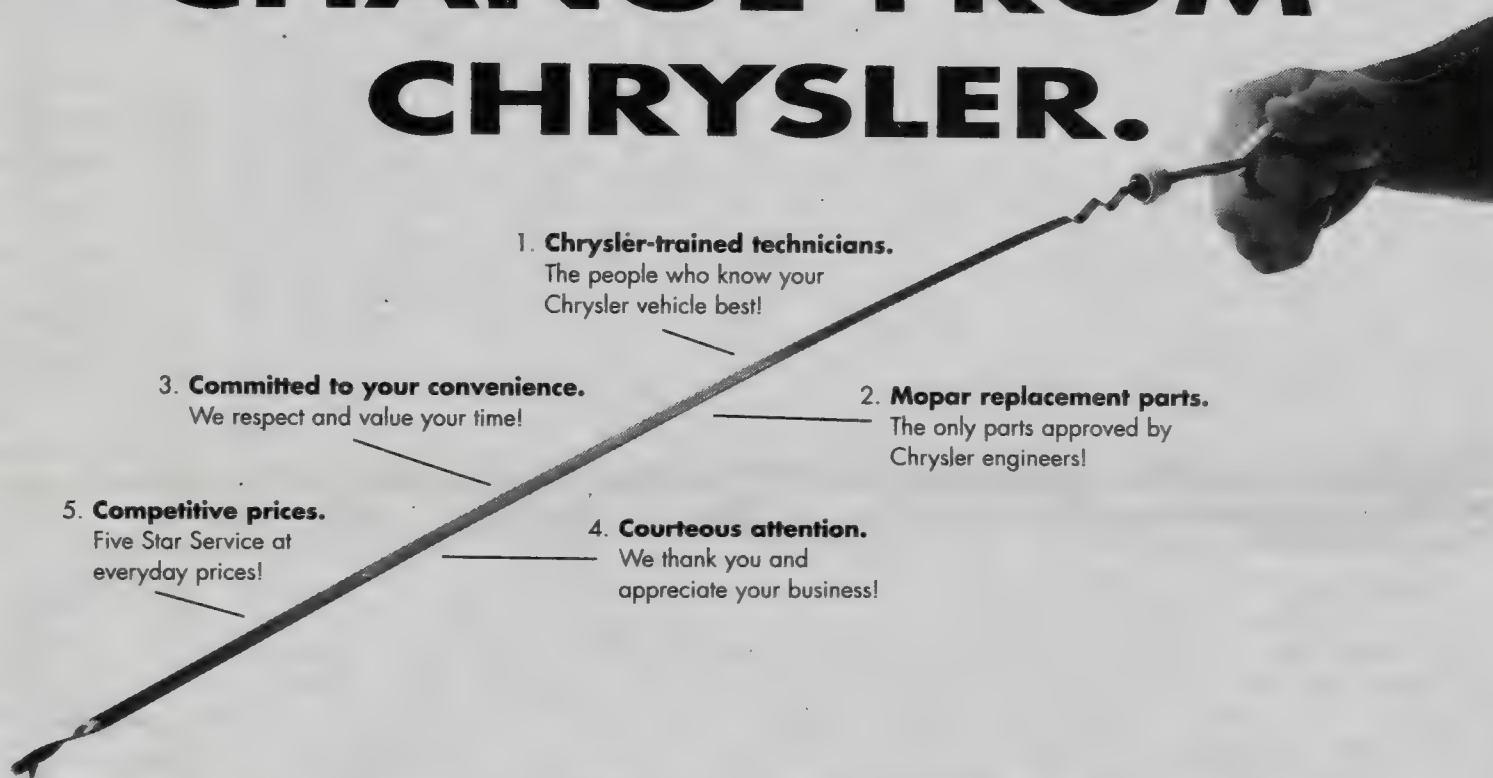
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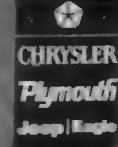
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HHSS team qualifies for environmental competition

by Kevin Brezina

Ten HHSS students recently represented their school and their community at the Central Ontario Regional Environthon, a competition in which teams of young people test their knowledge of the outdoors against one another. The event took place at the Frost Centre on April 10 and 11, and brought together over 140 students (divided into teams of five), many traveling nearly 200 km to compete.

The Environthon competition tests students knowledge in five fields: forestry, aquatics, wildlife, soils, and pesticides. For each of these concepts, the teams had to answer a short quiz, perform a task related to the key concept at a professional level, and apply their

knowledge to a real life situation, such as what to do about family of beavers that were causing a flooding problem near the Frost Centre.

Of the two teams HHSS sent, one qualified for the provincial competition that will take place in Oshawa in mid-May.

The team members were pleasantly surprised with their finish, and when asked if they are looking forward to their next chance to compete team member Nick Fawcett replied with an enthusiastic "Yes!"

Members of the qualifying team are Matt Heffer, Rachel Levis Sheamus Donnery, Nick Fawcett, and Dwight Bryant. The other team of Ainsley Heyes, John Craig, Kristen Shackelaar, Jason Meyers, and Todd Hoare, also did well, but didn't manage to qualify.



Members of the HHSS teams which took part in the Envirothon which took place at the Frost Centre include, from the left, front row, Nick Fawcett, Kristen Schackelaar, Sheamus Donnery, back row, Dwight Bryant, Matt Heffer, Rachel Levis, Ainsley Heyes, Todd Hoare and Jason Meyers. John Craig was not available for the photo.

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SIRCH honours volunteers

SIRCH took an evening last week to thank the many volunteers on which its programs depend, and to graduate a new crop from its training programs.

The agency, said executive director Gena Robertson, is critically dependent on volunteers, to keep programs like the Women's Emergency House and the hospice program running, as well as to help in the office and on the board of directors.

Robertson reported that volunteers in the organization served 8,463 hours last year. Reading the names of those who have served, and those who have just completed their training, said Robertson, "Think about that just in terms of the money... Imagine that each of those hours is worth \$10 an hour. Imagine what that would cost. We could not do what we do without you. You make a big difference."

Said guest speaker Hope Carson, manager of Peterborough's volunteer bureau, "You bring much joy into the lives of others — not only to those you help, but to those you work with."

Robertson also took the opportunity to thank those who have helped the organization in ways other than volunteering. Said Robertson, "There are literally hundreds of people who donate time, money, food, clothing, do promotions and advertising for us... Although their names will not be read tonight, and it's a good thing, because we'd be here a very, very long time, we appreciate them very, very much."

Current SIRCH volunteers include Patti Abel, Adine Adams, Dawn Austen, Ron & Sharon Bacon, Deborah Bain, Nancy Ballantyne, Elaine Bateman, Sandra Beardsall, Sarah Bertelsen, Hanne Brooks, Jennifer Casey, Barry Cray, Pat Cummings, Diane Dennie, Ian Douglas, Brenda Duncan, Margie Fults, Jean Hancock, Ginny Heming, Jane Heyes, Donna Hodgson, Bev Hunter, Maureen Johnson, Phil & Rosemarie Jung, Alison Logan, Sharon Lynch, Chris Lynde, Joyce McDonald, Chuck O'Neill, Henrietta Parker, Jennifer Paton, Betty Pollard, Myles & Cindy Sanderson, Linda Saul, Lynda Shadbolt, Sue Shikaze, Marvella Smith, Donna Sutherland, Claire Sylvan, Nel Van der Greint, Sheila Whiting, and Sheila Ziman. Graduating volunteers include Patti Abel, Violet Andrus, Dawn Austen, Betty Barlow, Jan Bellehumeur, Marnie Blair, Heather Bonham, Kim Bowne, Peg Bradford, Paula Brooks, Sheila Bryant, Sylvia Carey, Eleanor Cooper, Linda Davidson, Jennifer Downham, Diane Duncan, Lynne Duncombe, Carolyn Ellis, Mandy Fimio, Glen Flood, Faith Gray, Kate Hall, Sue Hillier, Sylvia Holland, Joanne Howard, Andrea Johnson, Susan Kay, George Logan, Karen Loney, Ginny Marsden, Rebecca McMurray, Marilyn Mighton, Marilou Mizzan, Peggy Morgan, Dianne Plouffe, Jean Schickland-Tyler, Cindy Sedore, Eleanor Sewell, Nola Stizic, Cindy Shorey, Karen Warner, Daphne Whiten, and Denise Wolm.

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County committee responds to Snowden concerns

(from page 4)

- 1) The level of services must be maintained
- 2) Any changes must be cost effective
- 3) Haliburton County's identity must be maintained

When the municipal clerks and road superintendents completed an analysis of the impact of a single tier government, it was agreed that some savings could be achieved by a reduction in staff. But it was felt that the level of service could not be maintained. With that information in hand, the focus was shifted and savings were looked for in other areas. The Barber Report was commissioned and a number of savings were identified, while keeping both the municipal and county levels of government.

"We find no contradiction in Snowden Township's principles and objectives," the authors of the Snowden Response Committee (SRC) stated.

Issues

The number one issue raised by Snowden Township has been addressed thoroughly by the Barber Report. It should further be noted that Haliburton County and its municipalities are delivering services at far less cost than similar rural or like areas and the possibility exists to further reduce those costs.

"Therefore, we would raise the question to Snowden council as to how this lower taxation can be holding this county back," the SRC report states.

The second issue was fire services. The reply to that issue was: "The Haliburton County Fire Review Committee has been working very diligently over the past many months in search of a method, or methods, by which we can deliver service more effectively and more efficiently. The committee expects to show a method that will not only deliver fire service communications at a savings over present costs, but also improve the efficiency. The improved communications will open the way to other improvements to fire services, for example automatic aid.

"Much work is yet to be done but the committee believes it is making good progress within the time restraints of the fire marshal's office. Committee minutes and progress reports are all on file at the county office."

Snowdon's third concern was in regard to a strategic plan. The response was that a commitment to start formulating a Strategic Plan has already been acted upon. A county official plan is expected in 1998.

Commitments

A "Who Does What Committee" has been formed. That committee will determine the jurisdiction for emergency services.

Health care, the report states, "is in the capable and mandated hands of the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Board.

Responsibility for ambulance and police services are likely to be handled at the county level. Details of the extent of responsibility and the asso-

ciated costs are yet to be determined by the province. The county is expected to form committees to manage those operations.

It is assumed that Snowden's reference to transportation refers to roads. The Roads Committee is currently designating roads to effect cost savings. The reeve of Snowden Township is a member of that committee.

The subject of centralized tax collection has not yet been addressed. Some of the municipal clerk/treasurers have been discussing this issue informally. Since all municipalities are using computers, which could be interconnected, it is appropriate to do the necessary study at this time.

In the interim, each municipality may negotiate special tax collection services which are now being offered by Canadian chartered banks.

In conclusion, the SRC report notes that very few items are still to be addressed or initiated. The county is confident that those outstanding items can be addressed quickly.

A copy of the report was presented to Snowden reeve George Simmons. He explained that since one of his council members was forced to resign to seek employment out of the province, the deadline to review the report will be delayed one month.

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Council considers fall vote options

There was some discussion at the county council meeting last week about the municipal election this fall and how it will be handled. Warden Murray Fearrey said he had hoped that cottagers would be able to vote when they were here on Thanksgiving weekend. But that won't be possible because the nominations don't close in time to hold an advance poll that early.

He suggested that a couple of polls be set up in Toronto, possibly at the FOCA (Federation of Ontario Cottagers' Associations) office.

Voting by telephone was also discussed, but councillor Jeanne Anthon said it would take at least six minutes to vote by telephone. She said that Canada Post has a good system set up to vote by mail and she noted that FOCA favoured that system.

Fearrey said the mail-in option may be a valid alternative to having advance polls at the FOCA office in Scarborough.



25 FAITHFUL YEARS: Two employees of the Haliburton County Roads Department were presented with plaques in appreciation for 25 years of dedicated service. County warden Murray Fearrey and county councillor Jim McMahon made the official presentations to Elwood Morrison and Bud Stamp. They are (l to r) Murray Fearrey, Elwood Morrison, Bud Stamp and Jim McMahon.

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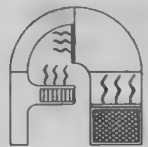
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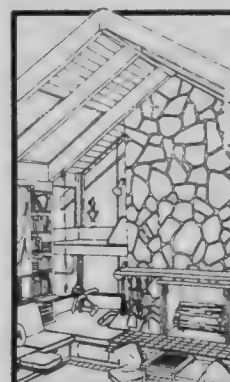
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Donna French is keynote speaker

Youth forum will discuss creating safe communities

Donna French, the mother of Kristen French, will be the keynote speaker at a forum in Peterborough later this month, entitled 'Building a Safe Community for Youth'.

The gathering is being co-ordinated by the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Council's Youth Health Council, and is open to individuals throughout the region. Some 38 students from HHSS will be attending the forum.

According to the announcement from the Youth Health Council, "Violence against youth has become an unfortunate occurrence in our society. It is difficult to understand why these violent acts can happen to anyone, even people we know. What has become more important, however, is how to prevent these acts from occurring in the first place."

The Youth Health Council has undertaken to work with other members of the community to change this situation. "We want to help to build and maintain a safe, non-violent living environment for our families, friends and neighbours," Kris Loyst, co-chair of the Youth Health Council

stated.

Mrs. French will be addressing the forum on the reality of violence and how communities can work together to create an environment that is safe for everyone. Her daughter, Kristen, was a fatal victim of violence in 1992.

Following the presentation by Mrs. French, a panel of experts will answer questions from the students. The panel members represent a variety of agencies and organizations who deal with violence throughout the four counties, Haliburton, Victoria, Peterborough and Northumberland, served by the health council.

"Violence and a safe community is not something that just happens. We need to work in partnership to develop a safe community," Marshall Elliott, executive director of the Health Council, stated.

The forum will also include a planning session in which the members of the audience will be invited to suggest how to make their community a safe, non-violent place in which to live. A report, compiled following the session, incorporating the ideas presented, will

be sent to key decision makers throughout the district. According to the organizers, this will be an important first step in mobilizing communities to create a safer environment for everyone.

Seating is limited for this forum, which will be held at St. Peter's Elementary School in Peterborough. Tickets, at \$3 each, are available through the District Health Council by calling 705-748-2992. Tickets will not be available at the door. Proceeds from the ticket sales will go to the Kristen Dawn French Memorial Scholarship and the French and Mahaffy Legal Fund.



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Ridgewood Public School report

'F' team takes scoopball final



Every Tuesday and Thursday, the grade one and two students at Ridgewood Public School play scoopball.

There are approximately 80 students who take part. The organizer, Mrs. Van-Nus, a parent volunteer, enjoys teaching the younger students the game because, "they listen better than the older students. It is a great sport and I hope everyone gets to play scoopball." Mrs. Van-Nus also enjoys playing the game. Scoopball is very easy to play and has simple rules.

Two teams met in the final game of the season recently with the 'F' team winning. All the players received a ribbon and certificate for playing. The winners received pixy sticks.

Members of the winning team include: from the left, front row, Daniel Pearce, Tyler Crego, Stacey Boldt, Jimmy Boyce and David Graham; second row, Tawny Poirier, Kyle Gartner, Adrian Moyes, Danny McDonald, Elysha Berry and Andy Purdy; third row, Ryan Guest.

(Report prepared by Mary Kilby, grade 8 student.)



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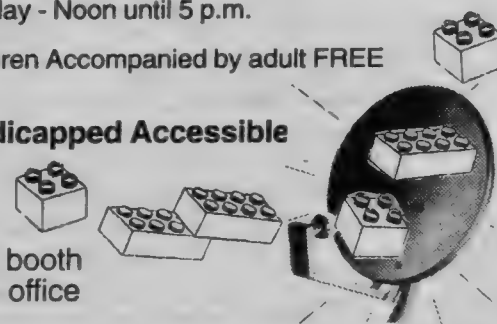
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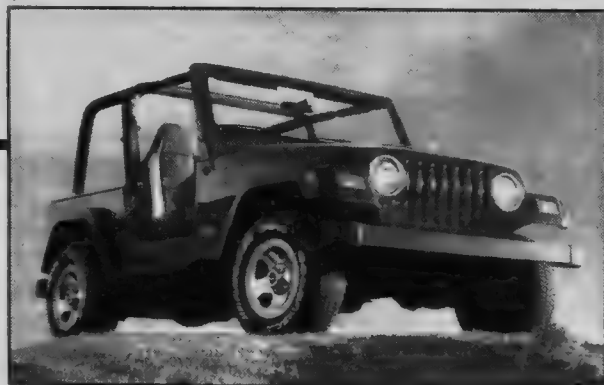
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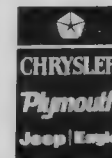
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New exec. for Ladies Auxiliary



Bonjour!!

Well, I guess we had summer for one day this year. That's it, now we can get back to winter again. Anyway, it's not going to last forever.

Our President, Comrade Maurice, reports our major housing project is in the works and, if all goes as planned, we can expect construction to begin this fall.

He asked me to remind everyone that Branch 636 elections are on May 7, starting at 7:30 p.m. sharp. Be sure to present your membership card to the Sergeant-at-Arms to gain entry.

John and Marie Lennard, our darts night coordinators, report a great competitive season, with only two more regular nights to go. The league banquet is being held on April 26. For more information, please phone John at 286-3353. I'm informed that this time Donna McKnight's team is in first place and Harold Parkes is in second. How come I'm always hearing Larry McKenzie and Dave Skinner claiming they are the best??

John Lennard also tells me that his Branch 636 art class had an exhibit April 19 at the Agnes Jamieson Gallery. It was a success and a great day for everyone.

Bev Johnson's big bucks euchre was once again a success. Last week there were 12 tables with first place prize of \$100 going to Mildred St. Thomas; second to June Fountain; third and fourth, a tie between Gwen Cox and Ann McCreight; and fifth Rob Evans. The most lone hands had a four-way tie including Marie Donnie, Jim Bradbury, Beth Berrebaie and Isa Hillyer. The next big bucks euchre is Sunday May 11, 12 noon for lunch, games start at 1 p.m. \$10 per person.

Our next Karaoke night is May 3 at 8 p.m. There is a \$5 admission and a door prize. Both of the events mentioned above are a lot of fun. Come out and bring a friend.

Our Trivia Night was held Wednesday April 16. The evening was a lot of fun with the best and funniest coming out in us all. I was host this time and I can tell you, the more dumb answers we get, the better and funnier it is. The next Trivia Night is to be announced.

Our Ladies Auxiliary had its election of officers for this year with the following results: President-Edith Burch; Immediate Past President-Shiela Burke; First

Vice President-Ethel Baker; Second Vice President-Corinne Arsenault; Secretary Georgina Parkes; Treasurer-Elaine Davison; Sergeant-at-Arms--Gwen Cox; and Sports Director-Bev Johnson. Members of the executive include: Anne Baker, May Bradbury, Estella Burch, Marj Coulter, Vina Dredge, Muriel Harrington, Carol

Hill, Shirley Kirk and Doreen Sandala.

On Saturday, May 17, the Ladies Auxiliary annual (come early) plant sale, bake sale and book sale takes place from 9 a.m. to noon. If you have any donations, please bring them to the Branch on the evening of May 16.

Insignificant Data (who cares department)

- 1993 total typewriter sales: \$591 million
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I can imagine the 1997 computer sales figures would stagger us.

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Other things coming up:

- Ladies Auxiliary meeting, Wednesday May 14, 7 p.m.
- Monday May 19, Victoria Day, kitchen closed.
- Annual meat sale tickets on sale at the bar and from Legion members.
- Every Tuesday afternoon, 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. euchre.
- Every Thursday evening, 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. euchre.

We'll have a member profile next month.

'Til next time, thanks! Cub



Five generations

Theadora Vesters of Whitby, who recently turned 83, cradles her great-great grandson Cody Anderson in her arms, linking five generations in this recent family celebration. Other members of her family in the chain include, daughter Rica Anderson, of Kinmount, upper left, granddaughter Carolyn Steele, upper right and great-granddaughter Vicky Anderson both of Minden.

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Acid rain report

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This report covers the period March 1 to April 16:

March 1:	3.2 mm of mixed snow and rain with a pH of 4.06
March 4:	1.9 mm of snow with a pH of 4.67
March 5:	2.6 mm of snow with a pH of 4.72
March 9:	7.6 mm of snow with a pH of 4.50
March 14:	13.8 mm of mixed snow and rain with a pH of 4.15
March 21:	9.4 mm of snow with a pH of 4.63
March 25:	16.0 mm of mixed snow and rain with a pH of 4.29
March 28:	4.6 mm of rain with a pH of 4.08
March 30:	6.7 mm of snow with a pH of 4.96
April 6:	10.2 mm of rain with a pH of 4.04
April 16:	5.4 mm of rain with a pH of 4.31

Environmental damage to lakes and streams is usually observed in sensitive areas regularly receiving precipitation with pH readings of less than 4.7. pH readings less than 4.0 are considered serious.

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Spring outings just around the corner

We've had many compliments on our attempted poetry "Maplefest Memories". We sure had fun working on it and expect many of you recalled these earlier days.

On the 14th, at our residents' council meeting, we learned that our programme for May will involve several interesting bus trips. It will be great to get out and about again. We are hoping to have a trip every Wednesday until the snow flies (next winter) and end each outing with a planned detour to Kawartha Dairy. Peter Fearrey was our guest speaker, as our Maintenance Supervisor, all

in all, a good meeting.

We regret the passing of Reg. Booth on Tuesday, April 15, in his 85th year. Reg was a prominent community person with many talents. In his earlier years he was a boat builder along

with his son Donny. Later on he was the issuer of driver licences as well as still being involved in the Minden Boatworks. He was also the Reeve for Anson, Hindon & Minden for several years. Our sympathy to the family and friends of Reg.

On Wednesday afternoon many of us travelled by bus to the Zion United Church in Carnarvon for their annual Spring Tea where we also enjoyed a fashion show. Donations that were received during the tea will

go to the hospital fund. In the evening we were entertained by Everett Fairrey and Ted Robinson. We were glad to see Everett back after his illness.

A warm welcome to William Borden who has joined us recently. During the writing of this column, we were pleasantly interrupted by a visit from Joan Bunn and "Danny" her Sheltie, on her monthly visit to our home. This afternoon, the Maple Lake U.C.W. will be serving at our weekly tea party. We thank the ladies and also are glad to see Pat back from her vacation to once again help out at our tea parties.

Welcome back Vera Stevens from Ross Memorial. We all hope she will steadily improve.

Our thought for the day: "The beautiful thing about learning is nobody can take it away from you." (B.B. King.)

'Bye for now.

Students learn from stay-in-school program

Report prepared by grade 8 student Erin Hobson

Ridgewood Public School experienced a unique opportunity recently when four volunteer members of the community visited to explain why students should stay in school. The presentation was made to the grade eight students.

Among the visitors were Guy Scott, the owner of Knechtel's grocery store in Kinmount, Rikki Pearce, a financial assistant at the Coboconk branch of CIBC, Brian Hare, who manages his own marine business and Nathalie Lancaster, who works for Bell Canada. The grade eight students were divided into two groups with two volunteers addressing each group.

The presentation was called the Economics of Staying in School (ESIS). The program was divided into four parts, each taking about 80 minutes to complete.

The first was called 'Success' in which we participated in a game of the same name. The second was called 'Independence', during which we learned how much it costs to live on your own for a month. In the third, called 'Employment', we tried to find a job which matched our monthly needs. Finally, the fourth section was called 'Futures', during which we played a video game narrated by 'Tarzan Dan'.

The grade eight students were well-informed about the cost of living on their own. We were also surprised to learn that it would cost between \$500 and \$3000 per month to pay for food, clothing, shoes, rent, car and personal needs. We also made decisions about jobs and schooling that would be necessary to meet these requirements.

The students felt the program was of value and should be presented again next year.

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Around the County Town

by Gord Graham (call 286-6506--FAX 286-3460)

There are two ways of exerting one's strength: one is pushing down, the other is pulling yourself up.

On Saturday, April 5 a group including Ruth and Ed McKay, Bill and Isobel O'Brien, Russ and Lorraine King and Helen and Jim Burton attended the show at the Ford Centre for the Performing Arts in Toronto. This was an outstanding group of over 200 male voices from both the U.S.A. and Canada representing Barbershop Quartets. Many were gold medal finalists. During the evening, our very own Ed McKay was introduced to the sold out audience as one of the founding members of the Scarborough Chapter and Past President of Ontario Chapters and received a standing ovation for his dedication and work.

The County Town Museum Committee is holding its next meeting on Tuesday, April 29 at 10:00 a.m. in the Common room of the Art Gallery.

For our readers in Victoria County, we are advised of a volunteer information meeting to be held this Thursday, April 24, at the Ontario Government Building on Kent Street in Lindsay. Anyone interested in becoming a volunteer victim service provider with Victim Crisis Assistance Service of Victoria County is invited to attend. For more information call Steve at 359-2024. The meeting starts at 7:30 p.m.

The County Town Museum and Pioneer Centre requires items for their garage sale which is to be held on Saturday, June 14. Please call Larry Hodgson at 286-2210 if you have anything at all that you are willing to donate. They are counting on you.

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Results of the euchre games played last week at St. Paul's Friendship Club were Gladys Wruth who had the most lone hands, Barb Braithwaite and Katie Parker who had the high scores and Helen Lee who won the 50/50 draw. Be sure to join them every Monday at 1:30 p.m. for fun and euchre. Everyone is welcome to participate.

Club 35 met last Monday too for euchre and fun and Cliff Woolner walked off with the most lone hands while Grace Cowen and Ken Young produced the high score award. Other winners were newcomer Ruth Halburt 50/50 draw and Wally Harpur, Harry Randell and Jim Cowan low scores. Special

prizes were given to Alvin Cowen and Marjorie Cowen. Join in the fun every Monday at 7:30 p.m.--partners are not needed.

Stanhope Library hosts contract bridge players every Tuesday at 1:00 p.m. and last week Beth Crutchley was first, Dorothy Strype second and Pearl Foster third. The players all welcomed another snowbird back to the fold namely Betty Skinner. This club has been trying for a long time to coax Dorothy Strypes's husband, Bill, to come out and join them and wonder of wonders, Bill finally graced them with his presence last Tuesday. They hope it's the start of a long warm relationship. Everyone is welcome to join them--partners are not required.

Seniors bid euchre results from last week's play in the Minden Legion were Ruth Kellett first, Grace Dixon second and Ann Baker third. Iris Taylor had the hidden score while Grace and Ruth and Jim Cowan grabbed all the moonshots. Meet Tuesdays at 1:30 p.m.

The Gelert Community Centre is proud to announce that last Tuesday evening there was an abundance of euchre winners. Betty Hicks and Neil Cartwright won the high scores, Rheta Crofts and George Bartley the low scores and Bruce O'Brien had the most lone hands. An invitation goes out to

join in the euchre games every Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. Meet this week in Lochlin and April 29 back to Gelert.

The most lone hands euchre award went to Verna McDonald and Truman McNeil on Thursday, April 10 in the Minden Legion. Gala Stamp and Norm Lee also won prizes for the high scores as did Ethel Baker and Murray MacKinnon for the low scores. Prizes left over went to Ann Baker, May and Jim Bradbury and to Helen Shields. Play Thursdays starting at 7:15 p.m.

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We will continue to accept offers on surplus office furniture/equipment/miscellaneous items until April 25. Pick up for most items must be done by 3 p.m. Monday, April 28. We will be closed May 1 and 2. Re-open in Execuplex (Hwy 118 & Victoria Street), 2nd floor on May 5. Haliburton Employment Centre. 457-1316. 4D

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FOR SALE: Pentium 133 (new)
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Chipset, CD Rom, Modem,
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FOR SALE: Reconditioned
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FOR SALE: 8'x10' aluminum
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FOR SALE

FOR SALE: 1988 21ft
motorhome, Rallye (Chev). 350
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VEHICLES

FOR SALE: 1990 Toyota
Extracab pickup, excellent condition, well-maintained, new rad, tires, timing belt, exhaust, no rust. Asking \$9,500 o.b.o. 754-1650 evenings. 12Btfn

FOR SALE: 1992 GMC Safari
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FOR SALE: 1988 Lincoln Town
Car Signature. No rust. Beautiful car, loaded, runs perfectly. Needs muffler and tailpipe. \$3,800 as is. 489-3713. 4Atfn

FOR SALE: 1996 Ford Explorer
XLT, loaded, 691B package. List \$38,269, 48K kms, brand new condition. Will sell \$29,300. Call 457-4030 days. 754-3109 evenings. 4Btfn

FOR SALE: 1989 Honda
Fourtrax TRX 300 FW (four wheel drive) comes with spare tires, windshield, gun rack, Honda shop manual etc. \$3,500 firm. 286-1862. 4CD

FOR SALE: 1993 Lumina, like new, only 20,000 km. 4 dr., auto., air., am/fm cassette, loaded. \$11,995. Call 286-3636 days or 286-2509 evenings and weekends. 4D

FOR SALE: 1975 Chev Sierra
truck, as is, suitable for parts. Best offer. Call 754-9425 between April 26 to May 3. 4D

FOR SALE: 1986 Dodge Ram
van. Excellent condition. Many new parts, new motor, \$1,500 as is. 489-1054. 4D

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FOR RENT

FOR RENT: 1 bedroom apartment over D & S Discount, Minden. Balcony overlooking river, fireplace. Available May 1st. \$450 per month + utilities. 489-3713. 4Ctfn

FOR RENT: 3 bedroom, newly decorated, on Hwy 35 at Halls Lake. \$600 per month + utilities. First and last. No pets please. 286-4280 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. 4Ctfn

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FOR RENT: Front half of Duplex. Kinmount area. 2 bedrooms, laundry fac. \$575/mo incl. stove, fridge, hydro & gar., oil heat extra. First & last. 488-2837. 4CD

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FOR RENT: Save money on your electricity bill. Rent or buy an oil fired hot water heater from Sid Stamp Fuels Ltd. Call now for full details 286-1088. 3Dtn

FOR RENT: One bedroom apartment, Minden. Good location and parking. 286-3167 days. 11Dtn

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WANTED: Will pay cash for antique furniture 1930 or older and other oddball items. Call Paul 286-6383. 2Dtn

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Cottages Required For Rent

WRD Cottage Rental Agency has a number of potential inquiries for cottages in this area. Looking for cottages on the 5 lake chain, Gull Lake and a no motor lake...or any lake. Please call Carol at (705) 457-9434 or Fax: (705) 457-9146 or E-mail: wrd@cybernet.on.ca. 4D

HELP WANTED

The Haliburton County Board of Education requires a temporary secretary for the following positions:

Half-time at Gooderham

Elementary School

Half-time at J. Douglas

Hodgson Elementary

School.

The successful candidate will begin working 3 days per week April 21, 1997 increasing to 5 days per week effective May 12, 1997 until April 16, 1998. We require previous secretarial experience, current computer skills, including working knowledge of WordPerfect for Windows 6.1, basic bookkeeping skills, adaptability and the ability to work as a team member. Applications will be accepted until 4 p.m. Monday, April 28, 1997. Please apply in writing to:

Mr. H. Dale Robinson,
Superintendent of Education
Haliburton County
Board of Education,
Box 507, Haliburton, On
K0M 1S0.

We wish to thank all those who apply, but only those receiving an interview will be contacted. 4D

HELP WANTED: Miners' Bay

Lodge requires an experienced person to cook breakfast and bake desserts Sunday to Thursday plus prepare and serve 3 meals on Tuesdays (full day). Approx. 33 hours per week June 13 to September 2. Must be able to work Thanksgiving weekend. Saturday October 11 through Monday, October 13. Starting salary \$8/hr. Mail resume with references to Miners' Bay Lodge, R.R. #1, Norland, Ontario K0M 2L0. 4D

FROST CENTRE: WILDLIFE HABITAT

The Frost Centre is hosting the Backyard Habitat Workshop. The workshop is sponsored by the Canadian Wildlife Federation. This is a terrific opportunity to learn all about creating or improving wildlife habitat in your backyard, schoolyard, or along your waterfront. The workshop runs from the afternoon of Friday April 25 to Sunday April 27, 1997. Guest Speakers will demonstrate wildlife structures construction, wildflower and butterfly garden design, and creating wetland areas and ponds. There will be sessions geared especially for children. You will come away with useful skills and knowledge. The Frost Centre is located on Highway 35, 12 km south of Dorset. For more information please call 705-766-2451.

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HELP WANTED

NETWORK COORDINATOR

The Family/Caregiver Four County Initiative is looking for an outgoing, confident, self starter with good problem solving skills and excellent verbal and written abilities to facilitate and develop a Network of Family/Caregivers for the Counties of Haliburton, Victoria, Peterborough and Northumberland. Being a family member of someone suffering from a Serious Mental illness would be an asset. This paid, part-time position involves approximately two days per week and reports to a volunteer steering committee. Please forward a resume or relevant information by Friday, May 2, 1997 to:

Naresh James
Canadian Mental Health Association/Victoria County
P.O. Box 1035
Lindsay, Ontario
K9V 5N5

Only those selected for an interview will be contacted.
4D

HELP WANTED: Summer employment - waitress and housekeepers. Full time/part time. Apply in person with resume at Noble Motel & Restaurant. Appointments 454-8298. 4DE

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Meet at Carnarvon at 1:30 p.m.
Wear suitable footwear for
walking. Pack a lunch, your
camera and field glasses. Please
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Buy or bring lunch. Free coffee
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GORDON MONK
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Centre
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Light refreshments will be
served and a presentation
made to Gord.
4D

**An Exhibition of
Paintings by**
Branch 636 Senior
Legion Art Group
is on display at
Agnes Jamieson Gallery
from April 11-26
A reception for this show will
be held at the Gallery on
Saturday, April 19, 1997 from
1-3 p.m.
Tuesday to Saturday
10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
176 Bobcaygeon Rd. N.
Minden - 286-3763
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Don't miss the Victoria Day
Craft Show & Flea Market
May 17 and 18, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
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BINGO

Every Thursday
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Everyone Welcome! 4CDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPEN HOUSE

Len & Mable Trodd's
65th Wedding Anniversary
Saturday, April 26, 1997
30 Prentice Street
2-4 p.m.
Best wishes only.
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Tell us what you want...
We are currently planning our
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The Haliburton Highlands Health Services

will hold its monthly
Board Meeting
at Stanhope Community Hall
Thursday, April 24, 1997
beginning at 5 p.m.
The public is welcome.
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FASHION SHOW

at the
Haliburton Legion
Sunday, May 4, 1997
2 p.m.
Tickets: \$10.00
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Door prizes - Refreshments
Presented by the
**Haliburton Highlands
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The family of MONTY & BEULAH ROBSON

with to invite you
to an
OPEN HOUSE
in honour of their
50th WEDDING
ANNIVERSARY
to be held Sunday
May 4, 1997
from 2-4 p.m.
in the Senior Citizens Hall
Lindsay St., Fenelon Falls
(beside the old train station)
BEST WISHES ONLY.
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BALLET/JAZZ CLASSES

in Minden
Ages Four to Fourteen and Adult
Beginners. Next session April
24 to June 27. **Diana Williams**
488-3382. 4CD

"Daffodils"

A support group for people who
have been or are now challenged
by cancer. Last Thursday of each
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BIRTHS

BURGESS - Lorne and Wendy
and big sisters Victoria and
Sarah are happy to announce
the arrival of

EMILY ELIZABETH
weighing 8lbs 9oz at Haliburton
Hospital on April 6, 1997 at
12:22 a.m. Thanks to the nurses
at Haliburton Hospital and a
special thank you to Dr. Nor-
man Bottom. Proud grandpar-
ents are Eleanor and Howard
Johnston of Milford and Brenda
and Dave Burgess of Minden.

IT'S A GIRL

Will and Brenda Duncan are
thrilled to announce the birth of
their first child

KRISTA MAY DUNCAN
born, Monday, April 14, 1997
at 2:01 a.m. weighing 6lbs 10
oz. at Oshawa General Hospi-
tal. Ecstatic first time grandpar-
ents are Ron and Jean May of
Minden and the fourth bundle
of joy for grandparents Bill
Duncan of Minden and Gwenn
and Steve Hislop of Moonstone,
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Sheila Whiting, Ginny Heming
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Schell and Pat Kennedy for our
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wooden walking cane with rub-
ber tip. Will the lady who called
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ADVERTISING DEADLINE—THURSDAY AT NOON

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WEDNESDAY, APRIL 23 - 5 p.m. large sale at CASHWAY LUMBER, old location, Hwy 35 south, Lindsay. Large quantity new materials, doors, windows, large bay windows, various large picture windows, white and brown aluminum doors, plumbing supplies, tubs, sinks, showers, cabinets, range hoods, barn trims, child's slides, light fixtures, hinges, hardware, marble sinks, toilet, elliptical windows, vinyl siding, plywood shingles, nails, lumber, some drywall, portable shed trusses, dock, roofing nails, 3 large decks, picnic table, quantity pressure treated lumber including 4x4 closet doors, nails, blocks, patio stones, also used H.D. warehouse racking, 2 commercial door sets, insulated office building 8'x8', farm wagon with covered top, steel storage shed 12'x12' etc. Hundreds of items, don't miss it. 5 p.m. No reserve. Terms cash, good cheque with I.D. or credit card. **MCLEAN AUCTIONS** Orval & Barry McLean Auctioneers. 705-324-2783 or 1-800-461-6499 Lindsay. 4D

CARDS OF THANKS

I wish to thank my many friends for their best wishes, flowers and cards, during my stay in York County Hospital, Newmarket. Your thoughtfulness and concerns were appreciated more than you can imagine. Forever grateful,
John Mulder.

On behalf of **SIRCH**, we would like to thank PineStone Resort & Conference Centre, in particular Holly Hutchison, Peter Russell and Peter Papatheodourou for their wonderful support of our "Evening of Comedy" fundraiser this past Saturday. Thanks to all for supporting a good cause!

A great big "Thank You" to many of my friends and relatives for their get well cards, personal telephone calls, messages, fruit baskets and visits while I was confined to Peterborough Civic Hospital and now at Haliburton Hospital. Also to the various clubs, the church, the Legion etc. Fortunately, I am progressing and hope to improve to the point where I will be able to navigate without aid of a walker or other assistance. This "thank you" note most definitely includes Dr. Anthony and Minden nurses, the ambulance drivers, Dr. Parker, the Orthopedic nursing staff in Peterborough, Dr. Bottums, therapist Bonnie Mowat and Haliburton nurses and staff. To nurses Sue and Brenda, Orthopedic floor...don't forget to do your "bandaging - Ed's way!"
Ed Pettinger
Minden.

CARDS OF THANKS

I wish to express my gratitude to all the people who helped and supported me during my cancer operation. Dr. Wu, the staff at Minden Hospital, friends who cared (too numerous to mention), to my wonderful children who have shown such strength for me, the congregation at St. Paul's for their prayers, Father Brian, Joan, Lee, Helen, Barbara and Steve for a circle of such positive love, but most of all, my husband and best friend Gary, who has courage enough for both of us.
Carol Bloor.

Many Thanks
to all who made my Birthday such a special day. Of all the Blessings in Life, the Love of Family and Friends is the greatest by far.
Thank you all.
Jessie Preston.

AT REST

BOOTH, Reginald

Former Reeve (1951-1954 & 1973-1978) and Town Councillor (1956-1972) for the Townships of Anson, Hindon and Minden, Haliburton County Warden in 1975. Past member of the Rotary Club of Minden. Reginald Booth entered into rest at Hyland Crest Senior Citizens Home, Minden, Ontario on Tuesday, April 15, 1997, in his 85th year. Survived by his daughter Joyce and her husband Wilfred Harrison of Courtice, son Donald and his wife Diane Booth of Minden and daughter Esther and her husband Glen Stamp of Courtice. Also survived by his grandchildren Laurie, Elaine, Leslie, Linda, Kirk, Kathie and great grandchildren Jennifer, Jolene, Christopher, Danny, Ryan, Ashley, Jeremy, Jorden, Katelyn and Patricia. Predeceased by his brother Clifford Booth of Belleville. Family and friends visited at the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home, 127 Main Street, Minden from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. on Wednesday. Funeral Service in the Chapel on Thursday, April 17, 1997 at 2 p.m. Interment Minden Cemetery. Memorial donations to the Hyland Crest Auxiliary Fund or to the Hyland Crest Palliative Care would be appreciated by the family.

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AT REST

BRADIMORE, Pearl

At Frost Manor Nursing Home in Lindsay on Monday evening, April 14, 1997 in her 83rd year. Beloved wife of Harry Bradimore. Anna Florence (Pearl) Bryant was the daughter of the late Jim and Myrtle Bryant. Predeceased by five brothers, Charlie, Roy, George, Frank and Albert and one sister, Margaret. Fondly remembered by many nieces and nephews. Friends were invited to call at the COBOCONK COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME Cameron Street (on Hwy #35) in Cobocok (705) 454-3913 on Wednesday, April 16, 1997 from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. Parish prayers were recited Wednesday evening at 7 o'clock. Funeral mass was from ST. MARGARET MARY'S ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH, Grandy Road, Cobocok on Thursday morning, April 17, 1997 at 11 o'clock. As expressions of sympathy, donations to the Heart & Stroke Foundation would be appreciated by the family.

COWEN, John Thomas

(formerly of Blairhampton)
Passed away at home in Warsaw on Friday, April 18, 1997, in his 91st year. Beloved husband of the late Marjorie Cowen. Dear father of Vern and his wife Barbara of Buckhorn Lake, Bill and his wife Lynn of Little Britain, predeceased by Royce Cowen, Lorne Cowen, James Cowen and father-in-law of Darlene Cowen of Lindsay, Joyce Cowen of Orangeville, Ena and her husband Dan Faiers of Warasaw. Loving grandfather of Dwayne, Krystal, Michelle, Darryl, Patricia, Jamie, Angela, Tammy, Debbie and great-grandfather of three great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild. Family and friends called at the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home, 127 Main Street, Minden on Sunday. Funeral Service in the Chapel on Monday April 21 at 1:00 p.m. Spring Interment Twelve Mile Lake Cemetery. Memorial donations to the charity of your choice would be appreciated by the family.

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